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Earthquake Related Death

The Napa Sheriff-Coroner's Office has received one confirmed report of a death related to the earthquake in Napa County. Laurie Anne Thompson, 65 years, who lived on Mayfair Drive in Napa, was at home when the earthquake hit Napa County. Thompson was hit by a TV during the earthquake. She did not initially go to the hospital for her head injury although she complained of a headache. Thompson was alert on Sunday following the earthquake and did not show any signs of cognitive impairment. On Monday, August 25th, Thompson's family noted that she was feeling dizzy and that her cognitive functions were impaired. They then convinced her to go to the hospital. Thompson collapsed before going to the hospital and was transported to the Queen of the Valley Hospital by ambulance. While at QVH Thompson's condition continued to deteriorate and she died on Friday, September 5, 2014 at approximately 9:35 AM. The cause of death was an intracranial hemorrhage due to injury sustained from the earthquake.

Laurie Thompson's son, Aaron Thompson, and daughter, Shannon Thompson, want everyone to know that if a family member or friend has received a head injury that they should immediately seek medical attention. Head injuries can be fatal even if they appear insignificant and it is best to get checked by a Doctor. Aaron and Shannon would also like everyone who has suffered from the devastating effects of the earthquake to know that it is OK to seek help from mental health professionals in dealing with the after effects. Talking with friends, neighbors, and family, can also help people cope with earthquake related problems.

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